

## *Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy*

Brightly beams our Father's mercy  
From his lighthouse evermore  
But to us He gives the keeping  
Of the lights along the shore!  
Let the lower lights be burning  
Send a gleam across the wave  
Some poor faint struggling seaman  
You may rescue you may save  
Dark the night of sin has settled  
Loud the angry billows roar  
Eager eyes are watching longing  
For the lights along the shore  
Trim your feeble lamp my brother  
Some poor sailor tempest tossed  
Trying now to make the harbour  
In the darkness may be lost!

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Bruce Pitfield  
Copper Cliff, Ontario  
January 1995



## School Re-union

On July 28th of this year, during Killarney's 175th anniversary celebrations, there will be a school re-union. Mrs. Merle Solomon and Mrs. Mary Proulx have been very busy for the past few months sending out invitations and preparing a list of those who will be in attendance.

And, you may have guessed it already, there will be a large gathering of the de la Morandiere family's descendants represented.

### Request for a School

The first mention that I've been able to find regarding a request for a school at Killarney appears in Judge John Prince's diary. He was the first Judge of Algoma District in which Killarney was located in 1865 when one of the de la Morandieres wrote to him at Sault Ste. Marie asking about the possibility of having a school at Killarney.

It was not until late 1875 that a school section was organized and, in the following autumn, classes began.

### First Teacher was almost a de la Morandiere

The late Melina de la Morandiere showed me old school documents pertaining to Killarney's first school that was located on the south side of Channel Street near the present-day Church.

One of the historical documents was a letter to the Trustees in care of Alexis de la Morandiere. It stated:

Acton, Halton, Ontario

29th November 1875

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the record (through Mr. Miller) of the minutes of first School meeting in K.S.S. No.1 Rutherford, at which three P.S. Trustees and an Auditor of S.S. were elected. It gives me great pleasure to know that you have also selected a school site, and that you are proceeding with the organization of your school. I observe from your letter accompanying Minutes of Meeting that you desire to secure the services of Mr. Frederic deLamorandiere as teacher of your School....

Frederic's services as teacher never were obtained as he left Killarney for other work.

The first teacher at Killarney's school when it opened in December 1876 was Bella Stamlen at an annual salary of two hundred dollars per year.



MANITOWANING, *Aug 10 1879.*

*Mr. Trustee S.S. 1 Rutland*



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*R.R. de la MORANDIERE*

*JOSEPH de la MORANDIERE*

*ALEXIS de la MORANDIERE*



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## DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.

It shall be the duty of Trustees—

To keep the schoolhouse, furniture, outbuildings and enclosures in proper repair, and to keep the well, closets and premises generally in proper sanitary condition, and where there is no suitable schoolhouse belonging to the section, or where two or more schoolhouses are required, to build or rent a house or houses, and to keep such house or houses, its or their furniture, outbuildings and enclosures, in proper repair.

To visit from time to time every school under their charge, and to see that it is conducted according to this Act and the regulations of the Education Department.

To see that the pupils use only authorized books, and that the school is supplied with a visitors' book, register, and suitable maps, globes, apparatus and other equipment ; and to procure annually, for the benefit of their school section, some periodical devoted to education, and to do whatever they may deem expedient in regard to procuring prize and library books for their school.

To transmit to the inspector the semi-annual returns on or before the 15th day of July and 31st day of December, respectively, and the annual return on or before the 1st day of January in each year, according to the forms prescribed by the Education Department.

## DUTIES OF TEACHERS.

*Regulation 7.*

It shall be the duty of every Teacher—

To see that the schoolhouse is ready for the reception of pupils at least fifteen minutes before the time prescribed for opening the school in the morning, and five minutes before the time for opening in the afternoon.

To prepare a time-table to be posted in some conspicuous part of the room for the guidance of himself and his pupils.

To prevent the use by the pupils of unauthorized text-books.

To give strict attention to the proper ventilation and cleanliness of the schoolhouse ; to make and enforce such rules as will ensure the keeping of the school-grounds and outbuildings in a neat and cleanly condition.

To see that the school-grounds, sheds and water-closets are kept in proper order ; that no damage is done to the furniture, fences, outbuildings or other school property ; to give notice in writing to the Trustees of any necessary repairs or supplies.

To employ, unless otherwise provided for, at such compensation as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, a suitable person to make fires, sweep the rooms, dust the walls, seats, desks and other furniture, but no assistant teacher or pupil shall be required to perform such duty unless regularly employed for that purpose as herein provided.

To give immediate notice to the Trustees and Inspector of his absence from school through illness or other unavoidable cause.

THROUGH THE YEARS

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# Junior Recital

BY PUPILS OF

*Josette de Lamorandiere*

ASSISTED BY

CHAS. LOWE — BARITONE

EDWARD ROUSSEAU — BASS

and Double Quartette

JEAN LOWE, THELMA WEIR, GLADYS LOOSEMORE, HELEN  
OAKES, NORBERT LOOSEMORE, CRAWFORD O'CONNOR  
VERNON LOOSEMORE, E. ROUSSEAU



*Check Seed  
Gail for*

*Saturday, June 14th, 1924, at 8 p.m.*



# Programme

## O CANADA

1. (a) *Haunt of the Fairies* ..... Marie Crosby  
(b) *Evening Whispers* ..... C. W. Krogmann  
KATHLEEN ROQUE

2. *School March* ..... M. Greenwald  
EDDIE BURKE

3. *The Little Cavalier, duet* ..... Fr. T. Liftl  
CHARLOTTE LOOSEMORE, MARGARET PITFIELD

4. (a) *Bohemian Song* ..... Wilhelm Aletter  
(b) *Brier Roses* ..... G. F. Hamer  
HILDA LOWE

5. *Buttercups are Blowing* ..... C. B. Yearsley  
CHARLES LOWE

6. *Homeward Bound March* ..... B. Anthony  
JULIAN LOW

7. *Sabot Dance, duet* ..... Arnold Sartorio  
VIRGINIA LOOSEMORE, KATHLEEN ROQUE

8. (a) *Pink* ..... H. Lichner  
(b) *Dance of the Elves* ..... Edward Grieg  
CHARLOTTE LOOSEMORE



# Programme

9. To the Woods, double quartette ..... V. E. Becker  
 JEAN LOWE, THELMA WEIR, GLADYS LOOSEMORE, HELEN  
 OAKES, NORBERT LOOSEMORE, CRAWFORD O'CONNOR,  
 VERNON LOOSEMORE, E. ROUSSEAU

10. (a) Romance ..... Ten Have  
 (b) Gavotte ..... Gossec

VIRGINIA LOOSEMORE

11. (a) Hungarian Czardas ..... A. Sartorio  
 (b) Bambino, duet ..... Marc. Burty

GLADYS LOOSEMORE, JEAN LOWE

12. Valse op. 15 ..... Charles Dennee

MARGARET PITFIELD

13. Bells of the Sea ..... Solonan

ED. ROUSSEAU

14. (a) Meditation ..... I. M. Ritter

(b) Elfin Dance ..... Carl Heins

JEAN LOWE

15. (a) First Violets ..... Behr

(b) Sonatina (Allegro Moderato, Andante, Rondo) Lichner

GLADYS LOOSEMORE

"God Save the King."

J. DE LAMORANDIERE, Accompanist.

Adults 35c.; Children 25c.



# Simcoe

by Skip Gillham

Among the numerous government ships to serve the Manitoulin area was the SIMCOE. It spent eight years in local waters before heading for an even briefer career on the east coast.

SIMCOE was built in Newcastle, Eng., by the famous British shipbuilding firm of Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson. It was completed in March 1909 and soon sailed for the Great Lakes.

The vessel was 54.86 metres (180') long by 10.72 metres (35.2') at the beam and registered at 913 gross tons. A triple expansion engine measuring 13½-22-36x27 was steam powered.

SIMCOE was stationed at Parry Sound and served the Canadian Department of Marine & Fisheries. It helped area lighthouse keepers taking them to their stations and bringing supplies. The ship also handled channel markers throughout Georgian Bay. This ship is shown in a photo from the collection of Alf Sagon-King.

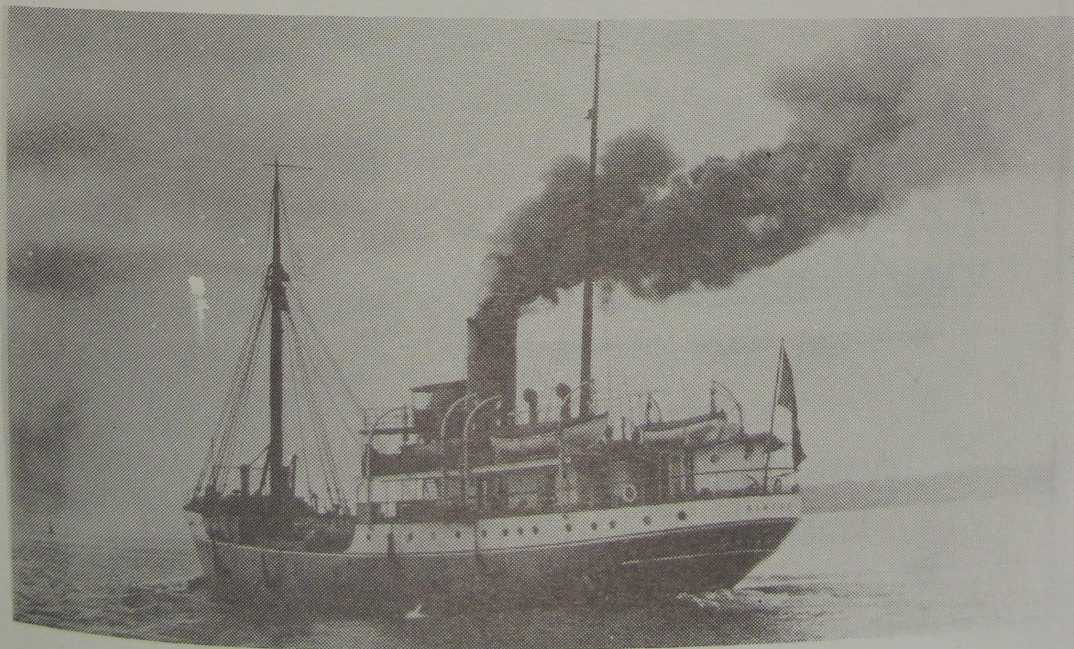
The government decided to reassign SIMCOE and it left the Great Lakes in the fall of 1917 and headed for the new station on the Bay of Fundy. Enroute east the crew did some work on the St. Lawrence and then continued to the Maritime provinces to replace the DOLLARD.

Early in December 1917, SIMCOE cleared Sydney, N.S., with coal and supplies for the Bird Rocks Light. The job also included picking up buoys in the region around the Madalen Islands.

On Dec. 7 the Captain sent an S.O.S. saying they were in serious trouble with high winds, waves and snow. The ship was sinking and help was needed.

Search crews never found the ill-fated SIMCOE in time. It went down with all hands and the only trace being a life ring discovered on Sable Island in 1922.

Today a modern SIMCOE carries the banner of the Canadian Coast Guard. The 960 gross ton light icebreaker was built at Montreal in 1962. It is usually based at Prescott on Lake Ontario working the eastern Great Lakes and western St. Lawrence.





# *History of Honora*

Written in 1944 by  
Helen T. Haner

Many years ago Honora Bay was quite a prosperous little village. All the inhabitants lived in "The Bay" and there were stores, a hotel and saw-mill.

Fifty years ago Mr. Marron built the first mill at Honora Bay. This mill was torn down and a few years later Mr. Herman built another saw-mill. Later Mr. Stewart bought the mill from Mr. Herman and the mill burned while he owned it. Mr. Collins next started a saw-mill in the same place. This was destroyed by fire twice. He rebuilt it the first time, but not the second. Some years later, Mr. Hawke started up another mill. Mr. John Hore, who is now residing in Honora, sawed the first log for this mill. At that time great amounts of timber were taken out around Honora and as many as seven boats were often seen loading timber in Honora Bay. Mr. Hawke's mill cut timber for the Detroit River tunnel.

The first hotel in Honora Bay was built and operated by Mr. Bert Quinn who later sold it to Mr. Miller. There has never been a hotel in Honora since Mr. Miller left.

At the time Mr. Quinn ran the hotel Mr. Graham had a store. There was also a store owned by a Mr. Cadotte. Mr. Cadotte was drowned and Mr. David Hay took over the store. Mr. Hay was the last man to run a store in Honora. The store was torn down and the house now owned by Mr. William Ferguson was built from it. The hotel was purchased by Mr. Saxon Ritchie and torn down.

Submitted by Mary McVey



The Docks, Manitowaning